There being no further nominations, the Hon. William S. James was unanimously elected Temporary Presiding Officer.

AFFIRMATIVE

Senators:

Barrick, Bertorelli, Dean, Dorf, Dorsey, Gonder, Hall, Hepbron, Hughes, James, Johnson, Jones, Mach, Malkus, North, Parran, Phipps, Phoebus, Pine, Schweinhaut, See, Shipley, Snyder, Weant, Wheatley.

NEGATIVE—NONE

The Senator from Baltimore County and the Senator from Somerset County were appointed to escort the President Pro Tem to the Chair.

The Journal Clerk then administered the oath of office to the President Pro Tem.

The Prayer was offered by the Rev. Harold R. Lanman, Annapolis, Maryland.

The next order of business was the election of a permanent presiding officer.

The Hon. Frederick C. Malkus nominated the Hon. George W. Della, President, which was seconded by the Hon. John Clarence North.

On motion of the Hon. John Clarence North, seconded by the Hon. H. Winship Wheatley, Jr. the nominations were closed.

The Roll was then called, which resulted as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE

Senators:

Barrick, Bertorelli, Dean, Dorf, Dorsey, Gonder, Hall, Hepbron, Hughes, James, Johnson, Jones, Mach, Malkus, North, Parran, Phipps, Phoebus, Pine, Schweinhaut, See, Shipley, Snyder, Weant, Wheatley.

NEGATIVE—NONE

The Hon. George W. Della was elected President of the Senate unanimously and the Hon. George W. Della was declared duly elected President of the Senate.

ORDERS

By Mr. Pine:

Please excuse Mr. Della from today's session on account of important business.

Please excuse Mrs. Nock from today's session on account of a death in her family.

Please excuse Mr. Sanford from today's session on account of illness in his family.

Senator Wheatley, duly seconded, moved that Senator James of Harford County act as presiding officer of the Senate until the elected President George W. Della return to the Senate.

Said motion prevailed by yeas and nays as follows: